

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (previously amended): A dressing comprising:

a semi-permeable film having a top side and a bottom side;

a semi-permeable tape border having a top surface, a bottom surface, a first edge and a second edge wherein the semi-permeable film covers the top surface of the semi-permeable tape border; and

a hydrocolloid silver adhesive having a first side, a second side opposite to the first side and a perimeter wherein the first side of the hydrocolloid silver adhesive is covered by the bottom surface of the semi-permeable tape border; and

a window in the semi-permeable tape border and the hydrocolloid silver adhesive wherein the window in the semi-permeable tape border is aligned with the window in the hydrocolloid silver adhesive wherein the window extends from the second side of the hydrocolloid silver adhesive to the semi-permeable tape border and further wherein the semi-permeable tape border extends outward with respect to the window beyond the perimeter of the hydrocolloid silver adhesive.

Claim 2 (original): The dressing of Claim 1 further comprising:

an adhesive coating on the bottom side of the semi-permeable film.

Claim 3 (original): The dressing of Claim 1 further comprising:

an adhesive layer on the bottom surface of the semi-permeable tape border.

Claim 4 (original): The dressing of Claim 3 further comprising:

a first liner covering the adhesive layer opposite the semi-permeable tape border and covering the hydrocolloid silver adhesive wherein the first liner extends from the first edge of the semi-permeable tape border to a first location between the first edge of the semi-permeable tape border and the second edge of the semi-permeable tape border.

Claim 5 (original): The dressing of Claim 4 further comprising:

a tab extending from the first liner and folded onto the first liner.

Claim 6 (original): The dressing of Claim 3 further comprising:

a second liner covering the adhesive layer opposite the semi-permeable tape border and covering the hydrocolloid silver adhesive.

Claim 7 (original): The dressing of Claim 1 further comprising:

a window cut substantially through the semi-permeable tape border and hydrocolloid silver adhesive such that an opening is formed in the semi-permeable tape border and hydrocolloid silver adhesive.

Claim 8 (original): The dressing of Claim 7 wherein the opening of the hydrocolloid silver adhesive defines a perimeter around a wound.

Claim 9 (original): The dressing of Claim 1 wherein the semi-permeable film is moisture vapor permeable.

Claim 10 (original): The dressing of Claim 1 wherein the semi-permeable film is transparent.

Claim 11 (original): The dressing of Claim 1 wherein the semi-permeable film is constructed of polyurethane.

Claim 12 (original): The dressing of Claim 1 further comprising:
an antimicrobial additive associated with the hydrocolloid silver adhesive.

Claim 13 (original): The dressing of Claim 1 wherein the semi-permeable tape border is constructed of non-woven material and laminated with the semi-permeable film..

Claim 14 (previously amended): A method for applying a dressing having a semi-permeable film, a semi-permeable tape border having an adhesive, a hydrocolloid silver adhesive and a first liner to a site on a patient, the method comprising the steps of:

exposing the dressing by removing the first liner; and

placing the exposed portion of the dressing over the site of the patient wherein both the hydrocolloid silver adhesive and

the semi-permeable tape border adhere to the patient wherein the hydrocolloid silver adhesive surrounds the site and further wherein the semi-permeable film covers the site wherein the site is visible through the dressing.

Claim 15 (original): The method of Claim 14 further comprising the steps of:

providing a second liner;

removing the second liner after removing the first liner and placing the exposed portion of the dressing on the patient;

exposing a remaining portion of the dressing by removing the second liner; and

applying the remaining portion of the dressing on the patient.

Claim 16 (original): The method of Claim 14 further comprising the step of:

cutting a window substantially through the semi-permeable film, the semi-permeable tape border and the hydrocolloid silver adhesive.

Claim 17 (original): The method of Claim 14 further comprising the step of:

folding the first liner to form a tab.

Claim 18 (original): The method of Claim 17 further comprising the step of:

gripping the tab and removing the first liner by pulling on the tab.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A process for manufacture of a dressing, the process comprising the steps of:

providing a semi-permeable tape border manufactured with a bottom surface and a top surface opposite to the bottom ~~side~~ surface wherein the bottom ~~side~~ surface has an adhesive;

cutting a window through the semi-permeable tape border and the adhesive layer wherein the window has a perimeter;

attaching a hydrocolloid silver adhesive to the adhesive on the bottom surface of the semi-permeable tape border around the perimeter of the window wherein the semi-permeable tape border extends outward with respect to the window beyond the hydrocolloid silver adhesive; and

forming a film on a top surface of the semi-permeable tape border wherein the film covers the window.

Claim 20 (original): The process of Claim 19 further comprising the step of:

forming a first liner covering the semi-permeable tape border, the adhesive layer, and the hydrocolloid silver adhesive.

Claim 21 (original): The process of Claim 20 further comprising the step of:

folding the first liner to form a tab.

Claim 22 (original): The process of Claim 21 further comprising the step of:

forming a second liner on the semi-permeable tape border, the adhesive layer, the hydrocolloid silver adhesive and tab of the first liner.

Claim 23 (currently amended): A dressing comprising:

a semi-permeable film having a top side, a bottom side opposite to the top side, a first edge and a second edge opposite to the first edge;

an adhesive layer covering the bottom side of the semi-permeable film;

a hydrocolloid silver adhesive layer attached to the adhesive layer wherein the hydrocolloid silver adhesive layer has a perimeter; and

a window in the hydrocolloid silver adhesive layer and the adhesive layer wherein the window is within the perimeter of the hydrocolloid silver adhesive layer wherein the window in the hydrocolloid silver is aligned with the window in the adhesive layer and further wherein the adhesive layer extends outward with respect to the window beyond the perimeter of the hydrocolloid silver adhesive layer.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The dressing of Claim 23 wherein the semi-permeable film is moisture vapor permeable.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The dressing of Claim 23 wherein the hydrocolloid silver adhesive layer is antimicrobial.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The dressing of Claim 23 further comprising:

a linear removably attached to the bottom side of the semi-permeable film and the hydrocolloid silver adhesive layer.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The dressing of Claim ~~26~~ 23 further comprising:

a tab on the linear wherein the tab extends outward with respect to the bottom side of the semi-permeable film.